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Docket Number FA/221

Letter of Transmittal
Request for Continued Examination
Amendment Under CFR 1.312
Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time

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In re Application of: Hochrein et al.

Serial No.: 09/401,595

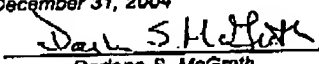
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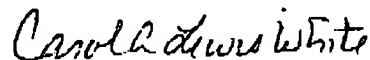
Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Request for Continued Examination (1 page);
2. Amendment Under CFR 1.312 (6 pages); and
3. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page).

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED
TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL
OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS
APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.**

Respectfully submitted,



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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.114

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application and withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004. Submitted herewith is a reply to the outstanding Office Action.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-1729 for the required fee, and for any additional charges that may be incurred.

Respectfully Submitted,

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